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We knocked 'em out.

Did you vote—right?

Unluck your hen-roosts.

Who is T. M. Buffington.

The colored troops fought nobly.

Another year of law and order
for Vinita. Forward, march!

The amiable Leader has the ap-
pearance of a punctured balloon.

It is now definitely settled that
a man may be a democrat without
being an anarchist.

We are all citizens of the same
roaring good town. If any one
talks about further dissension he
should be told to "go way back
and sit down."

When business men and prop-
erty owners go on the street on
election day and demand and com-
pel a fair election the result is
always the same.

The next time the Vinita trium-
virate of peasant politicians "butts
in" to politics they should select
something easier, they were clearly
outclassed Tuesday.

The Dawes enrolling commis-
sion will begin the field work of
enrolling the recalcitrant full-
bloods April 14th and continue
until July.

The passing of Senator Jones of
Arkansas will prove a boon to the
democratic party and his defeat
will cause the shedding of no tears
in the Indian country.

Vinita is the logical point at
which to establish a land office for
the Cherokee nation. Easily ac-
cessible by rail, and centrally lo-
cated it can be reached by the
Cherokee people with less time
and expense than any other point.

A quiet and peaceful, and peace-
able crew sailed up salt river this
morning. Not a discordant sound
marred the tranquility of the
voyage, as the craft left her moor-
ings on Bull creek. Hope and
empty beer kegs were left behind
and nothing but the singing birds
broke the sacred stillness of the
sky.

The proposition to limit the ex-
istence of the Dawes commission
July 1st, 1903, if carried out by
congress will be a great mistake.
If the commission should devote
the entire time from now until
July of next year to Cherokee af-
fairs alone the work would not be
finished, to say nothing of the
other tribes.

From the way the rejected
Cherokee claimant's names are
being retained from the interior
department at Washington the in-
dications are that the work of the
Dawes commission is generally
being indorsed. A steady stream
of names are being received now
which will continue until the
work is finished.

While the elder Culpepper has
been preaching to the people of
Vinita with so much power, and
such splendid results, his two sons
have preached and sung in an ac-
ceptable manner. The mantle of
the great evangelist will fall upon
worthy young shoulders in these
two boys, whose sweet spirits have
endured them to all our people.

Vinita is the only town in the
Cherokee nation that has a daily
newspaper. It takes bustle and
business enterprise to maintain it,
but it is worth many times to the
town what it costs. Vinita is the
best advertised town in the whole
Indian country and it is very
largely due to the efforts of the
Chieftain daily and weekly.

The "late" nuisance is especial-
ly exasperating at church. About
the time the preacher gets fairly
started to have a number of "lates"
come strolling in must be trying on
a minister's nerves. At a theatre
in London not long ago the an-
nouncement was advertised that
tickets would not be honored un-
less the holders were in their
seats when the curtain was raised,
the entire audience was seated and
there was no disturbance.

In Tuesday's municipal elec-
tion Vinita scored another great
victory, and is now ready to face
the future with renewed confidence
and energy. It is well worth the
effort, and practically settles the
question, for a year at least, as to
which element in the place is
dominant. Those who insist upon
the drawing of partisan lines have
been sat upon heavily, and the
citizens of Vinita have declared
most emphatically that the united
strength of all must be had in
furtherance of the great enterprises
that we shall tackle shortly.

The arrest and conviction of a
few fraudulent voters at this time
may prove of incalculable benefit
to this country in future years.
Conditions are more or less chaotic
in all parts of the Indian Territory
and to make an example of a man
who seeks to debauch the ballot
will have a salutary effect in after
years. The man who sells his
vote is unworthy of the privilege,
and the man who purchases it is
also criminal in slightly different
degree. Upon the purity of the
ballot rests the institutions of our
government, and the man who
thus corrupts it, is a revolutionist
and a menace to society. Such
characters ought to be hunted out
and prosecuted to the extent of
the law.

LEDBETTER INJURED!

Sustains a Fractured Leg While
Pursuing a Hoodlum.

While pursuing Charley Parks,
a chronic thug and hoodlum, who
committed a cowardly assault on
an inoffensive citizen, last night
Marshal Ledbetter slipped and
fell sustaining a fractured leg.
The accident occurred near the
chile stand at the intersection of
Illinois avenue and Wilson street.

As is the nature of his ilk, Parks
had walked up behind his victim
and struck him in the face.
Marshal Ledbetter appearing on
the scene a moment after the as-



sault the cowardly hoodlum took
to his heels. Ledbetter was close
behind him when he slipped on a
rock and fell heavily to the ground
fracturing his right leg midway
between the knee and hip. He
was removed to his home, and
Dr. B. F. Fortner, Oliver Bagby
and Lewis Bagby reduced the
fracture. The marshal is resting
easily today but it will be a long
time before he will be able to re-
sume his duties.

The accident to Ledbetter
evidenced the temperament of the
people as soon as it became known.
The determination to stamp out
the gang of young hoodlums who
infest Vinita, was expressed by
the citizens generally. They will
be rounded up, at the first move
they make and no influence will
be sufficient to keep them from
getting the limit. The young
thug, Parks, escaped last night,
but the officers are after him, and
as there are a half dozen charges
against him, he will get a dose of
the law as soon as he is appre-
hended.

The people have announced that
hoodlumism will not be toler-
ated in Vinita, and the gang of cow-
ardly rowdies will abide by their
decision or the penitentiary will
yet receive them.

Play on the War Path.
Yesterday was a hard day on
the slot machines and gaming de-
vices in Holdenville. District at-
torney Soper came down from Vi-
nita to attend to some business,
and the slot machine at Hotel
Scott attracted his attention. They
have attracted the attention of
others, but with different results.
He got Marshal Kaase and ordered
a raid made on all of the machines
in town. While they were break-
ing the slot machines in the Scott
billiard hall, some of the machine
owners in other places began to
hide their machines away, but all
were brought out and broken.
Henry Kaase wielded the ax with
as much force and grace as if he
was a student of Mrs. Nation,
while Attorney Soper stood by
with a hat full of nickles and saw
the breaking well done—Times.

Appointed a Commissioner.
Judge Talbert of Atchison, Kan.,
has been appointed a United
States commissioner by Federal
Judge Hosea Townsend, vice Cor-
nelius Hardy of Tishomingo, re-
signed. Commissioner Stuart Den-
nis is transferred from Ada to
Duncan; Commissioner Gullett, at
Duncan, is transferred to Tishom-
ingo and Judge Talbert goes to
Ada.

BATTLE IS WON.

Good Government Ticket
Carries the Election by
Overwhelming Ma-
jority.

CLEAN SWEEP MADE

And Entire Ticket Elected From
Top to Bottom—Was a Land
Slide—What the Result
Means to Vinita.

The citizens of Vinita have
spoken in no uncertain voice.
They have declared that law and
order shall continue in Vinita.
They have declared that Vinita
shall push forward to her desired
place, among the territory towns.
They have declared that no
obstacles shall block the way to a
better and greater municipal life.

The most important election in
the municipal history of Vinita is
over. The Good Government
forces have won a great battle.
From top to bottom their ticket
was elected by an overwhelming
majority. Though the voting
throughout the day indicated vic-
tory, the most sanguine never
hoped for one so complete. The
vote is the most forceful commen-
tary that could be written on the
moral sentiment of Vinita. It
speaks in clarion tones the deter-
mination of the citizens of Vinita
to maintain a law and order town,
and it will be a dangerous ex-
periment for the one, who attempts
to oppose their will.

The election was conducted in a
very orderly manner, and though
there were a number of drunks in
evidence, no disturbances occurred
until after the polling booth was
closed. The accident which
Marshal Ledbetter suffered, threat-
ened to result in an out-
break of hoodlumism, with his
removal, but Deputy James Wilk-
erson was soon on the scene, and
dispersed the groups of drunks
which had rapidly gathered. There
are no weak spots in Wilkerson's
make up, and that fact was soon
appreciated by the tough element.
One of their number named Rose
was inclined to be garrulous, and
spent the remainder of the night
talking to the bars in the hold
over.

Altogether it was a glorious
victory—a victory for right.

The Count.
The judges began the count at
the mayor's office at 7:30, the good
government gallopers got the pole
and went ahead on the first ballot,
a straight one. The rump got
away second with a clean start,
but the third stride saw the bunch
mix with three councilors, C. O.
Berry, Edgar Smith and J. W.
Sanders bunched in the good gov-
ernment crowd. Two or three
clean jumps put the people's fa-
vorites in the lead which they held
to the finish. At the first furlough
they had easy daylight, the count
showing Parker 65 to Gunter's 34,
Ledbetter 65 to Ridehour 35.
Parks developed some speed, and
for a time promised to get a piece
of the money, but the balance of
the skull and crossbone stable only
struggled to save the flag.

At the quarter it became appar-
ent that the battle is not always to
the strong, for the 22-hand quarter
horse of the rumps showed only 51
points against his opponents 152
for privilege of handling the city's
ducati; while the mayor's vote
stood 99 to 52, with a stray taken
up and posted by L. B. Bell.
Parks by a strong burst spurred
up to Wilson's flank with 73 to 76;
Ridehour made small temporary
gains, getting into Ledbetter's dust
and again falling back, while Ber-
ry reached out for the slow favor-
ite in the council, Isbell showed
up in fast company, the pace giv-
ing him a headache, and he went
to the stable for a rub down and a
blanket sweat.

At the half Parks had again
dropped back to the lead of the
slow ones—52 points behind Wil-
son—while Walker, for assessor,
stepped up to the lead of the fast
ones with 173 points to Shanahan's
172 for second place in the
winners. At this point Judge W.
P. Thompson said that his stable
had forfeited all right to the prize
and sent the bunch to the stable,
only staying in the stand to wit-
ness the pretty finish of the good
government sprinters out of
respect for the rules of the Arkan-
sas jockey club.

The favorites headed into the
stretch with Parker in the lead
with 326 and Walker a close second
the rest close up in a bunch, while
the rumps grouped hopelessly in
the back stretch looking for a con-
venient gateway to the stable of
explanation.
The finish was under a blanket

and amid rousing applause from
the grand stand and dismal groans
from the bleachers. Truly the tal-
ent was hard hit, but profiting by
this experience it is doubtful if
they will again start a mud horse
on a good track, especially in such
small company.

The finish was as follows:
MAYOR.
L. F. Parker..... 376
J. T. Gunter..... 164
RECORDER.
Arthur F. Chamberlain..... 345
W. H. Martin..... 196
CITY ATTORNEY.
D. H. Wilson..... 316
S. F. Parks..... 222
COLLECTOR.
J. W. Byrd..... 373
H. C. Ballard..... 166
ASSESSOR.
Earl Walker..... 377
Martha Daniel..... 164
TREASURER.
Ed Shanahan..... 364
T. M. Buffington..... 177
STREET COMMISSIONER.
J. J. Spencer..... 333
Frank Billingslea..... 203
MARSHAL.
J. F. Ledbetter..... 372
H. E. Ridehour..... 168
CITY COUNCIL.
J. C. Starr..... 345
A. N. Green..... 349
B. F. Fortner..... 336
W. H. Darrrough..... 362
E. N. Ratcliff..... 359
J. W. Sanders..... 172
L. P. Isbell..... 157
C. O. Berry..... 211
L. P. Garrison..... 179
Edgar Smith..... 213
The total vote cast was 543.
An analysis of the above vote is
suggestive. It witnesses the de-
feat of men, many of whom are
popular, but whose personality
could not carry the load, which
had been placed on them by the
rump bosses.

It is not a victory for any party—
for any set of men—it is a victory
for the people.

FAIRLAND ELECTION— Good Government Ticket Downs Soup House Gang.

Fairland, I. T., April 2—The
election passed off here quietly.
The soup house gang, which has
been in power for several years,
was entirely overthrown and we
are now assured of a good town
government.

The free school ticket was elect-
ed from one end to the other. The
following are the winners: N. C.
Gallimore, mayor; P. V. Sutton,
recorder; Bert Gains, marshal; D.
W. Freeman, Geo. Groupe, W. B.
Hamilton, Frank Gaine and C. A.
Smith are the new councilmen.

The ticket is the best ever elect-
ed in Fairland and was a great
victory for order and free schools.

MUSKOGEE DEMOCRATIC. Clean Sweep Made On the Entire City Ticket.

Muskogee, I. T., April 2, 1902.
The democrats of Muskogee
carried the city election yesterday
by a handsome majority. A heavy
vote was polled.
The following are the winners:
Mayor, H. B. Spaulding.
Recorder, I. T. McMoray.
City Attorney, Eck E. Brook.
City Treasurer, W. T. Wisdom.
City Marshal, Wm. Hewing.
Street Commissioner, Jack
Holstein.
Councilmen—G. W. Duncan,
W. W. Brinks, D. H. Middleton,
J. L. Dabbs, N. A. Gibson, J. B.
Blackmore, N. F. Hancock, W. C.
Jackson.

PRYOR CREEK. Joins the Ranks of Good Govern- ment Towns.

The majority of the Citizen's
Ticket was elected at the city
election at Pryor Creek yesterday.
The recorder and one council-
man being the only officers lost.
In the recorder race, Owen Harri-
son, democrat, beat W. B. Chap-
man, and Al Clem, democrat,
beat H. C. Adamson, citizen nomi-
nee.

The following candidates on the
Citizen's Ticket were elected:
Mayor, J. E. Briatow.
Councilmen—W. A. Graham,
S. C. Campbell, H. Ball, R. L.
Bledsoe.

Election Notes.
Let's make it unanimous.
Sam Parks ran ahead of his
ticket.
The poor fellow with the big jag
was in evidence.
The trial of Ralph Vann, arrest-
ed for illegal voting has been set
for April 15th.

Dennis Wilson and Sam Parks
ought to swap the front part of
their cognomens.
It is very easy to see which way
the other fellow voted, though the
result has been accepted in the
main, good naturedly.
"Uncle Jim" Wilkerson lost no
time in showing the drunks the
two roads. One led to their homes
—the other to the cooler.

RATCLIFF'S SPRING WASH GOODS.

We are offering to the trade this season the largest and best selected stock of Wash
Goods shown in Vinita. The styles are brand new, the fabrics the best,
and prices are consistent with the quality offered.

White goods for commencement dresses—Sheer Persian Lawns—the most desirable white goods
manufactured. Prices 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c per yard.
Sixty-eight inch organdies in all colors, white and black, 50c, 75c and \$1 per yard.
If you don't buy our "Primrose Batiste" you won't get the best dress fabrics offered this season, the
material is 32 inches wide, absolutely fast colors, and includes all the color combinations of this seasons
styles; the patterns are perfectly beautiful and the price is 15c a yard.
New Linens for shirtwaists, separate skirts and full suits, the most serviceable wash goods manu-
factured; the prices are 20c, 25c and 35c per yard.

Millinery Facts.

No lady can afford to buy her spring hat without first seeing what we are showing. Judging from
what we see and hear our customers say, our hats are more stylish, and cheaper too, than any shown in
Vinita. Come in and see our millinery before you buy.

Perfect Workmanship.

Strouse & Bros. make of clothing is first making its influence felt where ever clothing is sold. The
styles and workmanship are of a character that inspires confidence at once. Every superior point is
easily discernable—no niding of light behind a bushel. We speak with confidence when we say that
in style, fit and workmanship, Strouse & Bros' clothing has no equal. Our spring and summer show-
ing is of extreme beauty, leaving nothing to be desired by the most fastidious. The range of patterns
is exceptionally large and well selected, and we are pleased to show them at \$10 to \$18.50.

The E. N. Ratcliff Mercantile Company

The Wilson street billiard hall
was closed on orders from Com-
missioner Stanfield last night and
a crowd of drunks lost a bappy
house thereby.

The accident which befell Mar-
shal Ledbetter was the one note
of regret heard this morning. As
the people were with him yester-
day, their sympathy is his today.

The total vote cast was 543.
Two were thrown out making the
official vote 543. A conservative
estimate places the number of re-
sidents, who have not been here
long enough to vote at fifty. This
shows the rapid increase in popu-
lation.

SEQUOYAH PRESBYTERY. Program of Three Days Session Be- ginning Tomorrow Evening.

The spring meeting of Sequoyah
Presbytery will convene at the Pres-
byterian church in Vinita on Thurs-
day evening, April 3, 1902, at 7:30. The
opening sermon will be preached by
the retiring moderator, Rev. W. F. G.
Lippert, of Claremore; at the close of
which the Presbytery will be organ-
ized by the election of a moderator
and temporary clerks.

FRIDAY.
9:00 a. m.—Devotional meeting.
9:30 a. m.—Business session.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon.
2:30 p. m.—Business session.
7:30 p. m.—Popular missionary meeting.

SATURDAY.
9:00 a. m.—Devotional meeting.
9:30 a. m.—Business session.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon.
2:00 p. m.—Business session.
7:30 p. m.—Young people's meeting.

Address by Rev. A. Grant Evans,
president Henry Kendall College.

SUNDAY.
10:00 a. m.—Sabbath school.
11:00 a. m.—Praying.
Rev. F. W. Hawley of Oklahoma City.
Reception of members and commu-
nion.

3:30 p. m.—Union League meeting.
7:30 p. m.—Installation of Rev. J. S.
Stablefield as pastor Vinita Church.
Sermon, Rev. Theo. Bracken.
Charge to the people, Rev. D. N. Allen.
Charge to the pastor, Rev. C. W. Kerr.

CITIZENS TICKET Carried the Day at the Claremore Election.

Claremore, I. T., April 2, 1902.—
Claremore lined up with Vinita
yesterday and elected the entire
citizens ticket, which was non-
partisan and pledged to good gov-
ernment. The election passed off
quietly, though a heavy vote was
polled.
Miss Nettie Duncan is expected
home from Utah soon.

Notes from Chelsea.

Miss Trixie Darrenburg is visit-
ing the Misses Hanson and Mrs.
C. L. Lane.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Bond are hav-
ing a new house built on the lot
just below Dr. Bones.

The Easter exercises were just
splendid. Mrs. Strange deserves
much credit for the training of the
children.

Mr. Sam McSpadden, his daugh-
ter, Miss Rue and Miss Mary Jor-
don attended the Culpepper meet-
ing last Friday night.

Rev. J. E. Vick of Poteau, I. T.,
former pastor of the Methodist
church here, was shaking hands
with old friends last week.

Mrs. J. T. Hendrix entertained
last Monday evening in honor of
her friend, Mrs. John Derickson
of Claremore. Those present were
Mrs. Tom McSpadden, Mrs. J. W.
Bone, Mrs. J. O. Pifer, Mrs. A.
Bond, Mrs. Richard Morrison,
Mrs. Belcher and the Misses
Drakes.

Birch Burnett was in from Sapulpa
Tuesday.

The ground is in good condition for
tree planting.

Mrs. F. P. Nessel and family are
visiting in Illinois.

For pure bred game chickens see
Geo. Higgins. Eggs, \$1 per setting.

Barrett Galloway went to visit his
mother at Stroud yesterday morning.

Col. Bill Higgins returned yesterday
from a trip to Kansas City and other
points.

Sam Crickett and wife moved to
Mrs. Taylor's residence in the south
part of town Tuesday.

Senator W. T. Davis of Delaware
district has been spending a day or
two in town this week.

Nice well shaped two year old soft
maples, five to seven feet, at the Vi-
nita nursery, ten cents each.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys
and bladder right. Don't delay tak-
ing. For sale at People's Drug Store.

We are selling barbed wire at the
rate of a car every two days. Keep
coming we will keep you supplied.
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The Chieftain would call the atten-
tion of the gentlemen elected on the
good government ticket to the condi-
tion of the streets and sidewalks.
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refrigerators, water coolers, ice cream
freezers, 8-bag tackle and hammocks
is complete. Come in and examine
them. Darrrough Hardware Co. dw

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music makers.

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Prussian War, as personally seen by
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edians of the early years of the 19th
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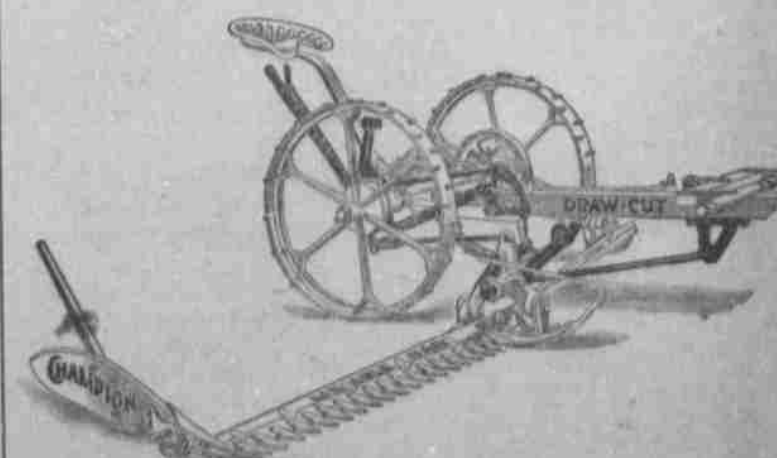
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